

The LongPath

A North Alabama DX Club Publication

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From the President

By Mark Brown, N4BCD

A great time for antenna work? Certainly not with unseasonably cold January weather we've had, but for sure a great time to use one. We have FT5ZM active on all bands & modes and the W1AW/x state by state activation is in full swing. Last night after a chip shot contact to W1AW/4 GA on 80m I found ARRL President Kay Craigie N3KN a few Khz away for 300 bonus points. But the really cool part was dropping the Huntsville Hamfest & Bob Allphin K4UEE's visit as our DX Banquet speaker into the short QSO.

Inside this issue you'll find the proposed budget for this calendar year. Please review it and we'll offer it up for ratification at our Tuesday meeting. Notably, the officers & directors

are trying to increase our support for DXpeditions, a very expensive endeavor and one from which we all benefit.

Yes we're looking at deficit spending but unlike our Federal government, the club is sitting on a significant surplus. One thing we might consider in the future could be an adjustment in dues. Due to inflation our \$15 dues enacted in 2002 is equivalent to only \$11.58 today - about the price of a shrimp sandwich and a beer.

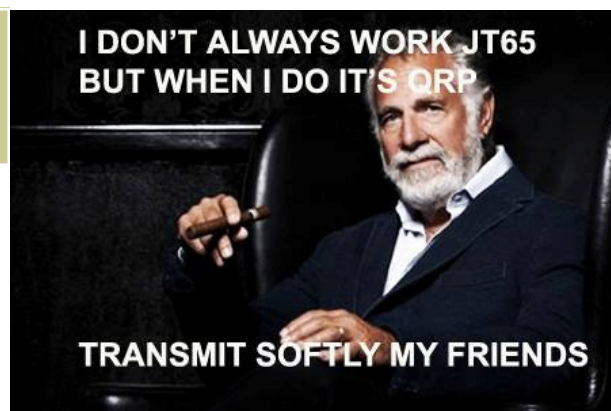
Enough of that budget stuff, time to work some DX.

73,

Mark N4BCD

And Now, For Something Completely Different

From the World's Most Interesting Man



How to Join

- * Come to a club meeting;
- * or send in an application by mail (form on www.NADXC.org)
- * or call Tom Duncan at (256)705-2147

February Program: 2013 DXpedition Recap

Program by Mark Brown, N4BCD



2013 was a great year for DXpeditions, and it seems for propagation, at least by our current cycle's standards. Mark will lead a discussion amongst us all about how we fared. We hope you join in!

See you around 6:00 pm for dinner, 7:00 for the business meeting, including a discussion of the budget, followed by the program.

Proposed 2014 NADXC Budget

2014 NADXC Proposed Budget

Creation Date: February 5, 2014

Item #	Description	Bank Balance	Income	Expenses
1	Current Bank Account Balance 2/1/2014	\$ 2,963		
2	Dues receipts (estimated 25 members x \$15.00 each)	\$ 3,338	\$ 375	
3	Spectrum Defense Contribution - ARRL	\$ 3,238		\$ 100
4	Annual Club Picnic (shelter rental Monte Sano)	\$ 3,163		\$ 75
5	Young Ham of the Year Award - Plaque	\$ 3,113		\$ 50
6	Repeater Power Bill	\$ 3,033		\$ 80
7	DX Expedition Sponsorship	\$ 2,633		\$ 400
8	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 2,533		\$ 100
9	Annual DX Club Banquet Receipts (50 Tickets)	\$ 4,433	\$ 1,900	
10	Annual DX Club Banquet Expenses (based on 2013)	\$ 2,333		\$ 2,100
	Summary	\$ 2,333	\$ 2,275	\$ 2,905

Above is the budget proposed by the officers and directors of the NADXC, for the consideration of the membership. We will discuss this at the February 11th meeting, possibly amend it, and hopefully end up with a budget acceptable to the membership.

An item for consideration is the annual dues assessment of \$ 15, which has not changed for a great many years. Certainly dues have not increased commensurate with increases in expenses for DXpeditions, the support of which is an important function of the club.

As we are forced into changing the venue for the hamfest DX banquet,

there is considerable uncertainty as to those expenses. We have recently endeavored to have the banquet stand on its own—this will be another topic for discussion.

A line item has been added for rental of picnic facilities. The recent picnics have been well-attended and lots of fun—but they have had this expense.

The club's finances are every member's concern. We hope for a good turnout next Tuesday to discuss these issues.

73,
NADXC Officers and Directors

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